

Crawford County Board of Commissioners

Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman, Dave Stephenson, at 9:34 a.m. in the Crawford County Building, Grayling, Michigan the 15th day of July, 2009.

Invocation by Chairman Stephenson.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Hanson.

Roll Call: Stephenson, Anderson, Hanson, Lange, and Rogers.

Absent – Beardslee and Pinkelman.

Sandra Moore, County Clerk - Present.

Paul Compo, County Controller - Present.

Others present at various times: Kirk Wakefield, Jim Baker, Ilene Geiss-Wilson, Gaila Gilliland, Tim Maylone, Robert Franzo, Brad Summers, and Gary Parkinson.

Approval of the Regular Board Minutes

Motion by Lange, second by Anderson, to approve the Minutes for the June 17, 2009 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Brief Public Comment

Senator Stamas' aid Mary Jergenson reported that State Senator Tony Stamas will be here on Monday, August 3rd from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. for constituents hours.

Open Invoice Report and Prepaid Vouchers

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to authorize payment of the following claims:

General Fund:

Balance from "Open Invoice Rep"	28,673.95
Prepaid Invoices	193,368.76
Gross Payroll	202,986.44
Total General Fund	425,029.15

Millage/Road Patrol Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,616.98
Prepaid Invoices	1,222.00
Gross Payroll	20,921.46
Total Millage Fund	23,760.44

Tri-County 46th Trial Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	12,857.94
Gross Payroll	
Total Tri-County Court	12,857.94

Friend of the Court

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	1,676.96
Gross Payroll	12,369.32
Total Friend of the Court	14,046.28

Sports Complex Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,770.00
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total Sports Complex Fund	1,770.00

Enforcement/Recycle Fund

Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	272.62
Prepaid Invoices	3,978.23
Gross Payroll	2,673.58
Total Enforcement Fund	6,924.43

<u>COPS in Schools Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	367.48
Gross Payroll	3,735.79
Total COPS Fund	4,103.27
<u>Building & Zoning Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,509.45
Prepaid Invoices	256.33
Gross Payroll	4,145.91
Total Building & Zoning Fund	5,911.69
<u>D.A.R.E. Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	383.60
Prepaid Invoices	
Gross Payroll	
Total DARE Fund	383.60
<u>Remonumentation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	7,490.00
Gross Payroll	
Total Remonumentation Fund	7,490.00
<u>MSU Cooperative Extension Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,474.96
Prepaid Invoices	1,813.84
Gross Payroll	988.92
Total MSU fund	4,277.72
<u>Central Dispatch Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	506.17
Prepaid Invoices	99.40
Gross Payroll	19,736.76
Total Central Dispatch Fund	20,342.33
<u>Courthouse Preservation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	960.00
Gross Payroll	
Total Courthouse Preservation Fund	960.00
<u>Law Library Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	452.27
Gross Payroll	
Total Library Fund	452.27
<u>Family/Probate Court</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	
Prepaid Invoices	27,973.54
Gross Payroll	7,307.08
Total Family/Probate Court	35,280.62
<u>County Bldg. Renovation Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	2,859.11
Prepaid Invoices	16,840.20
Gross Payroll	
Total Renovation Fund	19,699.31
<u>Fish Hatchery Fund</u>	
Balance from "Open Invoice Report"	1,646.28
Prepaid Invoices	11.21
Gross Payroll	
Total Fish Fund	1,657.49

Roll Call: Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson - aye, Motion Carried.

Approval Correspondence

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to accept correspondence as submitted. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Correspondence

1. Antrim County Board – Resolution opposing Senate Joint Resolution – H because it does not provide an equitable solution to Michigan’s property tax concerns.
2. Bay County Board – Resolution urging our federal legislators to address the problem for the uninsured in America.
3. Charlevoix County Board – Resolution opposing SJR – H.
4. Gratiot County Board – Resolution in support of Revenue Sharing in Michigan.
5. Hillsdale County Board – Resolution requesting State Legislature restore the Department of Community Health cuts.
6. Huron County Board – Resolution requesting the State Legislature add \$5 million for local public health operations; support for HB – 5019; and oppose movement for the use of motorcycle helmets optional.
7. Ingham County Board – Resolution in support of House Bills 4785 & 4786.
8. Lake County Board – Resolution opposing SJR – H and support for HB – 4893.
9. Menominee County Board – Resolution supporting local operation of the Upper Peninsula State Fair; Proclamation for Head State Month; Support of the MI Energy Fair; Support of Camp Manistique being reused as a jail facility; and Road Rage Awareness Week July 12 – 18, 2009.
10. NEMCOG – Notice of Intend by Third Level Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. & Notice of Intent by Northern Michigan Substance Abuse Services to apply for federal assistance.
11. News Article – Northern lawmakers must champion state parks plan.
12. US Dept. of Energy – Weatherization and Intergovernmental Program & local/state grant alert.
13. US Department of Commerce – Census information.
14. DEQ – Landfill Inspection in compliance. Commissioner Lange inquired if the Environmental Officer is still making inspections at the landfill. The Controller advised he continues to monitor the DEQ as stipulated in the circuit court order.
15. South Branch Township Treasurer – Forest Dunes Golf & Country Club appeal to tax tribunal. It was noted the county has given \$5,000 towards the process already and it may be time to encourage other units to participate. The Controller and Treasurer reviewed their discussions they have had with South Branch Township and the impact this has on the township and participating units. Treasurer Wakeley circulated a copy of the 10 largest tax payers and taxable valuation with Forrest Dunes being the third (3rd) highest, and noted the total tax loss is \$65,116 with the direct loss to the county being \$16,293. The Treasurer encouraged the county offer funds to SB for appeal.
16. MAC – Legislative updates for June 19, & 26, and July 2 & 10, 2009.
17. Lake Margrethe Property Owners Association – The Ripples Fall/Spring 2009 Newsletter.
18. Carey & Jaskowski – Road Repair Millage language to City Manager. Controller Compo has requested Bond Attorney, Paul Wyzgoski review the November, 2008 “Road Repair Millage Proposal” as it was a millage request specifically for roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission. The County Treasurer submitted the ballot language, public highways statute, and a letter from Attorney Brabant for the City of Grayling indicating the language submitted to the voters was not in compliance with the statute. The Treasurer further reported taxes are slated to be collected on the winter tax bill this December. Case law needs to be reviewed and the issue may end up in litigation. Chairman Stephenson offered to discuss the issue with the Road Commission Manager.
19. DNR – Notification of George Mason River Retreat Annual Meeting 2009.
20. MI Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing for Great Lakes Energy Cooperative.

21. DNR – Application for Natural Rivers Permit for review.
22. MI Public Service Commission - Conversent Communications Resale, LLC hearing notice.
23. MI Public Service Commission – CTC Communications Corp.
24. MI Public Service Commission – Notice of Opportunity to Comment or request a hearing.
25. Crawford AuSable School District – Board Briefs.
26. Region 9 Area on Aging – Proposed 2010-2012 Multi-Year Plan and 2010 Annual Implementation Plan.
27. Dept of Military & Veterans Affairs – National Guard Memorial and Review on Friday, July 31, 2009.

Tim Maylone – Cherry Capitol Connections

Cherry Capitol Connections Owner, Tim Maylone appeared to offer an option to expand broadband coverage in Crawford County to spur economic growth and development. Mr. Maylone reviewed his presentation to provide 100% high speed internet access to the county and advised the two NTIA and USDA funding organizations are offering stimulus funds to extend broadband infrastructure to remote, unserved and rural areas through loans and grants. Mr. Maylone indicated Cherry Capitol presently has about 200 clients within Crawford County and over 1,000 clients within the region, which encompasses 21 counties. Cherry Capitol is partnering with other agencies to offer a broader range of services and recently partnered with Camp Grayling. Mr. Maylone suggested the county will need three (3) towers per township, which can be on silos, homes, poles and government buildings. Stimulus Funding for round 1 is due by August 14th and Mr. Maylone believes this can make a positive economic impact with eight (8) new direct jobs within the county and seventy-five (75) new indirect jobs. The annual impact for the county would be approximately 1.25 million in new residential spending and government savings annually of \$150,000. Mr. Maylone requested a letter of support for the Cherry Capitol Connection plan to enable him to seek stimulus funding before the August 14th 2009 deadline.

Department Reports

Airport By-Laws

County Controller advised the Airport Board has met and By-Laws are ready for adoption with changes to page 2 - section 5, page 4 – section 4, and page 5 – sections 6 & 7.

Motion by Lange, second by Anderson, to adopt the Airport Board By-Laws as presented. Roll Call: Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Motion Carried.

Soccer Fields

The Controller advised the Sports Complex Committee met Tuesday, July 14th at 11:00 a.m. to review the soccer field bid tabulation and recommendations.

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to accept the recommendation of Gosling Czubak and award the bid to Elmer’s Crane and Dozer, Inc. of Traverse City in the amount of \$100,500 and send a post bid addendum providing a revised well cost. Roll Call: Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Motion Carried.

Controller Compo submitted a construction tracking form on the building project, and advised the gas service will be changed over Monday, July 20th, 2009. There are some issues with the new handicap door handles. The Controller requested an Executive Session be added to the agenda to update the board on POAM negotiations.

Executive Session

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to hold an Executive Session after citizens to speak to review progress with the POAM negotiations. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business

Grayling Charter Township – County-Wide Recycling Program

Controller Paul Compo submitted draft report #3 for a five year master plan for the Grayling Charter Township Recycling Center which obligates the county to purchase a fork lift for usage at the Recycling Center. The Controller advised that he met with Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright and Commissioner Lange on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 to discuss the issue. The Controller advised that no other entities have approved the plan, however, he will be meeting soon with City Manager, David Thayer. Commissioner Lange and Controller Compo did attend the Grayling Charter Township public hearing and indicated there were approximately 50 residents with most very supportive of the recycling center. The Controller advised the County will hold all titles of anything purchased. Chairman Stephenson offered the Waste Recycling News quarterly news that depicts recycling efforts increasing, not decreasing.

Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Rogers – The Commissioner advised she has nothing to report.

Commissioner Hanson - The Commissioner reported his Personnel & Labor Committee recommendations.

Re-appointment of Commission on Aging Members

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to reappoint Linda Munsey and Howard Taylor to the Commission on Aging for terms ending June 30, 2012. Ayes (7) seven, nays (0) none, absent (0) none, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Pinkelman - The Commissioner was absent, however, Commissioner Anderson reported her Law Enforcement Committee recommendation.

Emergency Management Performance Grant

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to enter into the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement between the Michigan Department of State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division and authorize the Chairman to execute said document. Roll Call: Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Lange – The Commissioner reported his Ways & Means Committee recommendations.

DNR – Payments from National Forest Revenues

Motion by Lange, second by Rogers, to notify the State DNR that the County will remain at the same payment rate as last year for payment on National Forest Lands. Roll Call: Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Motion Carried.

MERS Conference

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to designate Paul Compo as the MERS Delegate and Joe Wakeley as the MERS Alternate for Crawford County. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Commissioner Stephenson – The Commissioner advised he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Anderson – The Commissioner advised he had nothing to report.

Commissioner Beardslee – The Commissioner was absent.

New Business

Support of Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative

Robert Franzo, Independent Consultant for WiMAX 20/20 reiterated the need for the Cherry Capitol Connection (CCC) plan. Commissioner Anderson explained the difference between the two plans and the county may endorse both plans if they chose too.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lange, to adopt a Resolution in support of Cherry Capitol Connection (CCC) plan for 100% broadband availability in Crawford County. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to adopt a Resolution in support of Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative for 100% broadband availability in Crawford County. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Northern Michigan Substance Abuse

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to approve resolution 071509NMSA to support the Northern Michigan Substance Abuse and urge the continuance of the current structure and funding of the statewide coordinating agencies for the welfare and benefit of citizens of Crawford County. Roll Call: Rogers – aye, Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee – absent, Hanson – aye, Lange – aye, Pinkelman – absent, Motion Carried.

Recess at 12:01 p.m. and resumed at 12:08 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion by Lange, second by Hanson, to recess the Regular Meeting and enter into an Executive Session to review POAM negotiations at 12: 09 p.m. Roll Call: Stephenson – aye, Anderson – aye, Beardslee - absent, Hanson – aye, Lange –aye, Pinkelman – absent, Rogers – aye, Motion Carried.

Executive Session began at 12:09 p.m. and concluded at 12:34 p.m.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Anderson, second by Hanson, to accept the minutes of the executive session of July 15, 2009 as read. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

POAM Union Negotiation Strategy

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to request the county act upon labor attorney advice in further negotiations with POAM. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Announcements – None.

Adjournment

Motion by Hanson, second by Lange, to adjourn the board meeting at 12:38 p.m. Ayes (5) five, nays (0) none, absent (2) two, Motion Carried.

Dave Stephenson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Sandra Moore
County Clerk